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SUBJECT: LEAPETSWE MOLOTSANE

REF: STATE 011300

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: MOLOTSANE WAS PICKED UP IN JULY, 1977, AND CHARGED UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE TERRORISM ACT. HE APPEARED BEFORE A MAGISTRATE ON NOVEMBER 29 AND WAS REMANDED FOR TRIAL BUT NO DATE WAS SET. MOLOTSANE IS NOW BEING HELD AT GEZINA STATION, PRETORIA. HE WAS AMONG A GROUP OF SOME 30 ATTERIDGEVILLE STUDENTS ARRESTED AND REMANDED AT THE SAME TIME. SOME HAVE NOW BEEN RELEASED AND THE OTHERS, TWELVE IN ALL, ARE BEING TRIED IN GROUPS OF FOUR. NO SPECIFIC CHARGES HAVE BEEN LAID.

END UNCLASSIFIED

BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: MOLOTSANE IS WELL KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY AND AT THE REQUEST OF HIS FRIENDS, THE EMBASSY CONTACTED SHUN CHETTY ABOUT DEFENDING MOLOTSANE AND THE OTHERS. CHETTY IS INVOLVED IN OBTAINING PROPER COUNSEL FOR THEM. END CONFIDENTIAL.

2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: MOLOTSANE'S MOTHER, MRS. DOROTHY MATHAPO, IS A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND CONTACTED THE EMBASSY BY LETTER ABOUT THE WELFARE OF HER SON LATE LAST YEAR. BECAUSE SHE WAS A U.S. RESIDENT, THE EMBASSY INQUIRED ON HER BEHALF AND ASKED CONFIDENTIAL

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TO SEE HIM. PRISON OFFICIALS TOLD US THAT MOLOTSANE WAS WELL BUT THEY WOULD NEITHER ALLOW A VISIT NOR GIVE US FURTHER DETAILS. THE EMBASSY THEN SUBMITTED A NOTE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) ON JANUARY 5 ASKING, ON BEHALF OF MRS. MATHAPO, TO BE ALLOWED TO VISIT MOLOTSANE. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP WITH DFA IF REPLY NOT FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.

3. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MOLOTSANE
AND WILL KNOW WHEN HIS TRIAL COMES UP. WE PLAN TO SEND
AN OBSERVER. BOWDLER

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